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TO: Officials-in-Charge of Headquarters Offices
Directors, NASA Centers
Director, Jet Propulsion Laboratory

FROM: AO/Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Policy for Compliance of NASA Web Pages with Section 508 of the
Rehabilitation Act

Effective June 21, 2001, Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794d) requires that Federal agencies ensure that their Electronic and Information Technology gives individuals with disabilities access to information and data that is comparable to access by individuals without disabilities. "Comparable access" must be provided to Federal employees as well as to members of the public seeking information or services from a Federal department or agency, unless to do so would result in a significant difficulty or expense.

NASA's World Wide Web pages are an important means of communicating information both within and outside the Agency, and are consistently ranked high in popularity by the American public. Enclosed is the policy for compliance of NASA's new and existing Web pages with Section 508. It is effective immediately. I request that Center Directors give this policy rapid and wide distribution within their Centers to ensure that it is quickly understood and followed.

Please contact Mr. Bob Benedict of my office at bob.benedict@hq.nasa.gov or (202) 358-1475 if you have questions.

Thank you for your assistance.

(signed by Dave Nelson for)

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